

## SOME CAPITAL TALK

A BLAST AT VEST AND COCKRELL

How the Representatives of Dakota Feel—  
Hopeful of Getting in the Southern Box.

Special Telegram to The Star.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* correspondent thus telegraphs his paper: Congressman Wade has hunted

out, for the benefit of his constituents a nice little piece of political bossism on the part of the Missouri senators. The inhabitants of Cassville a few days ago requested him to examine the papers in the case of Postmaster Steele, recently appointed, and find out what his recommendations were. Mr. Wade went through the records in the postoffice department and unearthed the following facts: Dr. Ray, who was an applicant for the position, had on file a petition signed by three-fourths of the Democrats who got their mail at the office, 118 signatures, a recommendation from the Democratic committee and other credentials. The packet containing these papers was endorsed with the

Recommendation for three senators dated in April, but where the signature of the first assistant postmaster general should have been was a pencil memorandum to hold for further consideration. The packet which should have contained Mr. Steele's papers contained nothing, not even an application for the position, but on the outside was an indorsement of Senator Vest recommending Mr. Steele for the appointment, and announcing that his colleagues concurred. On this, and this only, the appointment was made.

Governor Mellette and Senators Ederton

and Moody, of Dakota, have arrived in the city. They will call on the president Monday or Tuesday. Senator Edgerton said last night the proposition to admit the entire territory will not be considered, but that the recommendations of the constitutional convention would be urged. As to Dakota's claim, he said: "South Dakota has 80,000 square miles, or more than twice the area of the New England States. She has 263,000 population which will entitle her to two congressmen and the majority of the people are in favor of statehood. We are entitled by every precedent, established in the

admission of states to recognition and no one can advance a reasonable argument for refusing admission." It is probable that a resolution will be introduced in the session when it next meets admitting the party to the floor as a matter of courtesy.

Several inches of snow fell last night, and all trains from the west are delayed. The temperature is mild, but a heavy wind prevails and colder weather is promised.

The *National Republican* this morning contains a picture of Commissioner Colman and a glowing tribute to his administration.

New York, Feb. 10, 1891. J. H. Miller, of Ten

Miss Powell, of Normandy, St. Louis county, who has been visiting friends in Alexandria, Va., is in the city.

to New York City, where his wife was accompanying the mormon, who expects to return here next July, and will bring with her their two children now in Japan.

Delegate Caine, of Utah, sat through the discussion of the mormon bill in the Senate yesterday. After it was all over he said grimly: "Well, I guess we are a part of the United States now," when asked why the mormons would thank he said, "Oh, they are used to it by this time."

**The Silver Men Blame Carlisle.**  
Special Telegram to The Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The radical silver

men in congress are saying all manner of ugly things to-day about Speaker Carlisle. They claim that the president and Secretary Manning have interferred to convert the speaker. It is no longer a secret that Speaker Carlisle, while he came on from his vacation a good deal of a silver man, has been led by various conversations with Secretary Manning and the president to materially change his views. He is now undoubtedly in favor of a temporary suspension of coinage and the appointment of a committee of conference to look into the whole matter. His influence

afternoon and evening. To-day we will only have two—this morning at 10 and this afternoon. To-night the 'Future Great' assembly of this city will intertain at the Pickwick theatre. I think we will be able to finish all our business by next Wednesday. New officers will be elected and installed." Up to last night about thirty out of town delegates had arrived. About sixty delegates met at Lightstone's hall this morning and the number will be augmented to-day. The membership has one representative to each

hundred members. This would make fully 300 hundred representatives, the total membership being about 30,000; but as many are represented by proxy not more than 100 are expected. This district includes Missouri, Kansas, Texas, and New Mexico. Three-fourths of the members are employed on the Gould system of railroads. Railroad matters will of course be the principal subject of discussion.

The latest arrivals are as follows: G. W. Carns, Fort Worth, Tex.; Fred Page, Sedalia; G. Lyman, Denison, Tex.; R. W. Edward, Mexico, Mo.; O. M. Crawford, Sedalia, Mo.

Frank Sargent, Rochester, N. Y.; W. R. Dunn, Holt Summit, Mo.; H. C. Sprague, Kansas City, Mo.

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**MORE TROUBLE.**

Canadian Indians About Ready to Take the Warpath

MONTREAL, Jan. 9.—Major Walsh, formerly an officer in command of the northwest mounted police, expresses the opinion that if the Indians are not disarmed and dismounted there will be further serious trouble.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)

RETURN, Ont., Jan. 9.—A gentleman just returned from Ft. McLeod, M. T., and reports danger of an outbreak among the Indians there owing to the greed of the cattle ranchers who persist in encroaching upon their lands. The Indians are well armed and have a plentiful supply of ammunition.

FARGO, D. T., Jan. 9.—Parties who just reached here from the Northwest territory say that all the Indian tribes are making arrangements for an outbreak in the spring to avenge the death of Riel. Traders on the United States side of the line are reported to be sup-

supplying the reefs with large quantities of ammunition. With the tribes generally participating it is the belief that the Dominion government will find it a serious matter.

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**BATHING THE SNAKES.**

A Keeper Who Was Subjected to the Embarrasses of a Fourteen-Foot Boa.

A little while since, says a writer in the *St. James's Gazette*, I was examining some snakes in a certain collection meanwhile gossiping with the attendant. In the collection were several fine specimens of the beautiful gold and black boa, and also

The black and white spotted boa. I found the keeper a very intelligent man, and some little information I was able to give him led him to ask me whether I had ever seen the snakes bathed. Now, I knew it was customary to give these creatures an occasional bath, to keep them healthy and preserve the skin pliant and the colors fresh and clear, but I had never had an opportunity to witness the operation. Gladly, therefore, I accepted the offer. In a little time a moderately large tub, half filled with warm water, was placed upon the ground, and my attendant and another man, stripping off their coats and waistscoats

turned up their shirt sleeves to prepare for action. The first case contained four boa constrictors, varying from eight to sixteen feet long. The keeper opened a small door in the end of the case, and then sliding back the glass panel at the top, put his arm boldly in and ran his hand down the back of the nearest reptile, which moved from beneath his touch toward the open door. As the head of the snake passed the door he seized it with his right hand firmly round the neck, and drawing the body quickly out, caught it five feet or so lower down with the left hand, the other man

Ticklish water it seemed to me, and the keeper rather assented to that opinion. I

to see, one is apt to get careless; but so long as you are cautious it is simple enough. I remember well the first time I tried it. I was then at M—, and the regular keeper was taken sick and died. The day for bathing the snakes came round, and no one could be found to do it. Two days went over, and then I thought I would have a try. I had been feeding them for a year or more, and was pretty well used to them. Well, we filled the tub, and I got through with the job all right, and was soon appointed head keeper of the snake house. Time went on; I fed and bathed the creatures regularly and got a little

directions over it, and so it happened that one day I did not look after my man to see that he fastened the little door properly after we had one in the bath. On this particular day, too, he forgot to bring the change of blankets with him, and I never noticed it until I had one of the smaller snakes in the bath. As soon as I did notice it I sent him post haste to the house to fetch them. The one in the bath was only about nine feet long, so when he had been in the water long enough I lifted him out, intending to put him into a spare case and wait my man's return. Just as I raised him I felt something round my right

leg and, looking down, round the little door was open and that a fourteen foot boa was out and had got a half turn round my thigh. Of course, he had to be stopped: so I let go of the body of the one I was holding, and by a fortunate shot grasped the other just below the head. The one in my left hand had coiled his body round my arm, and, soothed by his bath, was quiet and comfortable; but the other was taking up all my spare time. He wriggled and twisted until I could scarce hold him, straining the coil round my thigh very tightly. He had also given a turn of his tail to my other leg, so that I could not

move a step. However, there was nothing to prevent my calling out, and I did it; more especially because the door of that case was open, and that there were three more inside. My man might be five minutes gone; and I had to keep it up as best I could. The worst of it was, while the beast got his fold nearer and nearer and nearer to my body, he would shoot his head away almost out of my grasp, twisting without ceasing. My fingers ached, and my wrist felt like breaking, while the circulation in my leg nearly stopped. Presently the feeling came over me that I did not mind much how it ended, and I

felt inclined to give up then and there. In fact, my fingers were relaxing when I heard a step outside and my man came in. A glance told the state of affairs. He had the one off my arm and into the case in the twinkling of an eye, and then between us we got the other gentleman loose and boxed him, and then—well, there were no more snakes bathed that day. We kept it very quiet, and up to my leaving M—— it never oozed out: then my man was made keeper, and he let it out. You can imagine it was a lesson to both of us that will last some time."

The keeper looked meditatively at the rep-

tile in the bath, no doubt recalling the sensations of that afternoon. "Fifteen minutes, sir," said his assistant, breaking in upon his short reverie. The keeper rose and lifted the snake from the tub, the assistant taking the hinder half. The reptile seemed quite torpid, and when the laid him on his clean blanket allowed them to wrap him up and deposit him in the case, where after a lazy look he withdrew his head under the folds. A slight rise and fall could be seen as he finally settled himself, and then all was motionless.

their ambitions, but there was little variation and to excitement: and so, thanking the keeper, I came away.

**Knobelsdorf Arrested.**

Charles Knobelsdorf was arrested this morning by Detective O'Hara on a state warrant charging him with obtaining \$50 by fraud from James Mahan, on Jan. 5. Knobelsdorf is a ticket broker near the Union depot, and Mahan purchased a draft on Germany from him, which was not honored but returned. Knobelsdorf claims that he has settled the matter, but Mahan says not. He gave

Case Set.

The case of the state vs. J. W. Moxly, charged with disturbing the peace, has been set for Jan. 13 at 2 o'clock.

that filled him with horror. The first he saw

or it was two human hands, crushed into pulp, as thin and flat as a penny, which were being disgorged from the iron jaws of the

mill. These were slowly followed by long strips of flesh, blood and bones representing arms; and then came a mangled head and body, flattened out like the head and arms, and all attached. Britton almost instantly

It is estimated that the unfortunate man had been less than half a minute between the rollers when they were brought to a standstill. In that time, however, his arms, head, and body down to the loins had passed through in a mass of indescribable pulp. Immediately the machinery was stopped, all hands hastened to the top story, and there found Walker's legs, the only uninjured portion of his body, sticking up from the jaws of death. With some difficulty the rollers were drawn apart about an inch, and the mangled remains

of the poor fellow were pulled up and placed on the floor. No one saw how the accident happened, but the probability is that Walker, when at his work, tripped and fell head first into the hopper or chute, was drawn in by the rollers relentlessly, and was killed instantaneously.

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**COMMERCIAL.**

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To-day's clearings, \$368,850; same day last year, \$962,908; decrease, \$394,058, or 51.6 per cent.

This week's clearings, \$4,308,752; same week last year, \$4,703,693; decrease, \$394,741 or 8.3 per cent.

**On 'Change To-day.**  
WHEAT.—Received, 4,214 bu.; withdrawals, but, in store, \$36,985.00.  
There was a weak market to-day on change with lower values. No. 2 red was nominal except for May which sold at 75¢, against yesterday's bid of 74¢. No. 2 white, 75¢, against 75¢; closing seller yesterday sold at 75¢, against 74¢ cash and Jan. were nominal; Feb., sold at 5¢ red and 4¢ white, and May on the call at 64¢ yesterday's bid of 64¢. No. 2 white, No. 2 red was nominal except for May which sold at 92 1/2¢, 1¢ lower than yesterday's bid.  
CORN.—No. 2 yellow, 54¢; No. 2 WHITE, 54¢; No. 2, yellow, 25 cents 75¢, 5 cents 75¢.  
OPEN BOARD 10 A. M. TO 11 A. M. TO-DAY.  
No. 3 red, Feb., 10 cents on the call TO-DAY.  
RESTRICTED WINTER WHEAT.—Cash, 55¢ bid, no

No. 1 WINTER WHEAT—Cash, 58c bid, no offering; Jan., 59c; Feb., 59c asked.

No. 3 RED WINTER WHEAT—Cash, 47c bid, 52c asked; Jan., 52c asked; Feb., 53c bid, 51c asked; May, 10 cns 55c.

No. 3 SOFT WINTER WHEAT—Cash, no bids nor offering; Jan., no bids, 70c asked.

No. 2 SOFT WINTER WHEAT—Cash, 58c bid, 58 1/2c asked; Jan., no bids, 85 1/2c asked; Feb., 85c bid, 87c asked; May, 85c 92 1/2c.

No. 1 CORN—Cash, 75c bid, 76c asked, 67c bid, 70c asked; Jan., no bids, 69 1/2c asked; Feb., no bids, 70c asked; March, no bids; no offerings; April, no bids, 75c; May, 75c 75 1/2c.

CORN—Receipts, 100,000 bu.; withdrawals, 6,000 bu.; in store, 78,750 bu.

There was a finer market to-day on change and values were generally higher. No. 1 winter wheat higher than yesterday's asking price; J. sold at 27 1/2c.

or higher than yesterday's asking price: Jan, 1st bid, 27¢ asked; March, April and bids were nominal; Feb. 2 white asked; except for May, which sold at 34¢-C. **ON THE CALL TO-DAY.**

No. 2 CORN—No cash, no bids nor offerings; Jan, 1 ear 27¢; Feb., last half, 27¢ bid, no offerings; Feb., 28¢ bid, 28¢ asked; March, 29¢ bid, 30¢ asked; April, 30¢ bid, 31¢ asked; May, 31¢ bid, no offerings.

No. 3 CORN—Cash, no bids nor offerings.

No. 4 CORN—Cash, no bids nor offerings.

No. 2 WHITE CORN—Cash, no bids; Feb. 28¢ asked; Jan., no bids, 30¢ asked; Feb., no bids nor offerings; May, 15 ears 34¢-C.

HIGH MEAL—No cash, no bids nor offerings.

OLDS—No. 2 cash, 27¢ bid, 28¢ asked; Jan. 27¢ bid, 27¢ asked; Feb., 27¢ bid, no offerings; May, no bid, 31¢ asked; rejected, cash, no bids nor offerings.

HTE. No. 2 cash, Jan. and Feb. no bids nor offerings. Receipts \$100.00.  
 Flour.—Dull. Sales 1 car of choice \$1.10, fancy at \$3.50 per bbl. in sacks.  
 Corn meal, new, for unsetthled brands in car lots, per 100 lbs. as follows: XX \$1.06; XXX \$1.06; Family, 1.30@1.40; Choice, 1.55@1.65; Fancy, 1.75@1.90; Patent, \$2.30@2.40. Receipts 1000 bushels, 1000 lbs., \$7.00.  
 Job lots from city mills, 10c@2ccheaper.  
 MILSTOWNS.—Quiet.  
 Corn meal, new, for car lots as follows: Corn chop, 90 lbs. less, 5c sacked. Shipments, 100 lbs. less, 5c. Cash steady; consignments from first hands, 10c. Flour, 10c. Receipts 1000 bushels; prices are charged. Pearl hominy, 10 lbs., 10c.  
 Corn meal from city mills, 10c15c higher.  
 Hay.—Receipts 7 cars. Best fine, Low grade

Very dry. We quote: Fancy, small, baled, \$6 50; extra baled, \$5 00; medium, \$4 50; \$3 50; common, \$2 50; \$3 70.

**Oil-Cake-Sacked**-Per 100 lbs. \$1.25; \$23.00 per ton free on board cars. Car lots, \$22.00 ton.

**Comparative Statement.**

The following table shows the prices of Wheat, Corn, Oats and Rye at the close of 1883, to-day in comparison with the previous day and previous years:

	To-day.	Prev. day.	1883.	1884.
No. 1 r w w.....	49	61	61 1/2	80 1/2
No. 2 r w w.....	49	61	61 1/2	80 1/2
No. 1 r w w.....	49	61	61 1/2	80 1/2
No. 2 corn.....	25	27	29 1/2	40 1/2

No. 2 oats.....	27	29 1/2	26 1/2
No. 2 rye.....			48 1/4

**Elevator Reports.**

The following table shows the amount of grain received, withdrawn and in store at the regular elevators, as reported by the board of trade to-day:

Grain.	Received	Withdrawn	In Store
Wheat.....	4,244		839,985
Corn.....		5,000	78,756
Rye.....			45,716
Oats.....			6,154
Barley.....			859
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>4,244</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>907,460</b>

Chicago Markets.						
Furnished by E. C. Hunt Brothers, Grain and Commission Merchants, room 4 and 3 Merchants Exchange, Kansas City, Mo., (1 o'clock closing).						
Jan. 9.	Opened	Highest	Lowest	Closing	Y's d'y	
Wheat, Feb.	81 1/4	82 1/4	81 1/4	82 1/4	81 1/4	
Wheat, May	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	
Cor. May	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	
Cor. May	39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	
Oats, May	31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	31 1/2	
Port. Feb.	10 3/4	10 3/4	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 3/4	
Port. May	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2	10 1/2	
S. R. Feb.	5 12 1/2	5 12 1/2	5 12 1/2	5 12 1/2	5 10	
S. R. Feb.	6 10	6 10	6 07 1/2	6 10	6 10	

Receipts in Chicago: Spring wheat, 25 cars; winter wheat, 7 cars; Corn, 59 cars; Oats, 88 cars.

Wheat closed: Jan. 82c; March, 83c; corn closed: Jan. 30½c; April, ..... Oats closed: Feb., 24c.

Receipts: Wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 52,000 bu.; oats, 68,000 bu.

Shipments: Wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 72,000 bu.; oats, 72,000.

**Kansas City Live Stock Market.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo.,  
Saturday, Jan. 18, 1896.

**CATTLE**—Receipts to-day, 38. Market merely nominal. The following are representative

**SALES:**

No.	Av. Wt.	Price.
13 native butcher steers.....	1019	3 85
15 native butcher steers.....	936	3 70
1 native cow.....	950	3 00

4 native cows	885	2 60
6 native cows	973	2 35
4 heifers	756	85
1 native cow	1018	2 50
6 native bulls	1478	2 20
1 native bull	1900	75

Hogs—Receipts to-day 752. Market owing to light supply, slower. The following are representative

SALES:											
No.	Av.	Wt.	No.	Av.	Wt.	No.	Av.	Wt.	No.	Av.	Wt.
60	242	83 75	65	250	83 75	76	197	88	78	191	83 5
40	219	3 70	138	215	3 90	63	221	3 85			
42	227										

SHEEP—No receipts. Market nominally unchanged.

**Markets by Telegraph.**

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—HOGS—Receipts, 1,300; shipments, 700; market steady; native shipping steers \$4.25¢; stockers, \$3.70-63.75; butchers, \$3.94-104.00.

CATTLE—Receipts, 100; shipments, 100. Market steady; native shipping steers \$4.25¢; stockers, \$3.70-63.75; butchers, \$3.94-104.00.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—HOGS—Receipts, 219,000. Market active and 50 higher light, \$3.40-63.95; heavy packing, \$3.30-63.30; heavy packing and shipping, \$3.80-64.15.

Cattle—Receipts, 2,600; Market active and 10c higher. Shipping \$4.15-64.15; Butchers \$2.00-64.00. Receipts, 27,700-27.75-27.75.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5,000. Market easier; common, \$2.40 good, \$3.75-63.75.

PORK—Market quiet. Lard, 50¢ higher. No. 2 red, cash and Jan., 90¢; Feb., 91¢; March, 93¢; May, 97¢-89.75¢.

WHEAT—Market quiet and about unchanged. No. 2 mixed, cash, \$3.63-63.63; Jan., 33-63¢ bid; Feb.,

1st March 54c bid; May, 36c.  
 OATS - March 54c bid; cash, 50c; May, 31c.  
 CORN - 77c bid; cash, 75c; May, 31c.  
 LARD - Nominal at \$5.95.  
 WHISKY - Steady at \$1 10.

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